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SUBJECT: EA/VLC STATUS REPORT NO. 7

1 CAMBODIA

CAMBODIAN HUMAN RIGHTS (CONF):

A REVISED (MORE POSITIVE) VERSION OF AN ACTION PLAN FOR CAMBODIAN HUMAN RIGHTS, IN RESPONSE TO THE NSC TASKING, HAS NOW BEEN APPROVED BY CHRISTOPHER. THE MEMO LISTS 10 ACTIONS WE COULD CONSIDER TO KEEP THE CAMBODIAN HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION AN ACTIVE PUBLIC ISSUE. THESE INCLUDE WORKING IN THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AND ITS SUBCOMMISSION FOR A STRONGER RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INQUIRY INTO THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN CAMBODIA; SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTIONS IN THE THIRD COMMITTEE; FORMING A CORE GROUP AT THE UN TO SEEK WAYS TO INFLUENCE CAMBODIA; AN APPROACH TO THE SYG; AND A POSSIBLE REFERENCE TO CAMBODIA IN OUR MAJOR UNGA SPEECH- WE HAVE ALSO RECOMMENDED UNILATERAL

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STEPS SUCH AS MAKING PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON APPROPRIATE OCCASIONS; PROVIDING BACKGROUND INFORMATION TO THE PRESS AND PUBLIC; AND CONSIDERING A SPECIAL CAMBODIAN REFUGEE PAROLE PROGRAM TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON THE SPECIAL SUFFERINGS OF THE VICTIMS OF THE CAMBODIAN REGIME. WE HAVE SUGGESTED CONSIDERATION OF AN APPROACH TO CHINA, ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE THE CHINESE WOULD BE UNRECEPTIVE.

2. LAOS

LAOS FOOD AID (CONF):

A NEW MEMORANDUM ON FOOD AID FOR LAOS IS CIRCULATING AMONG INTERESTED BUREAUS. WE HOPE TO HAVE A CLEARED COPY ON YOUR DESK ON FRIDAY, MAY 12. WITH SOME VARIATIONS ABOUT HOW (OR WHETHER) TO TELL THE LAO, BUREAUS ARE RECOMMENDING EITHER 1) DEFERRING A DECISION ON FOOD AID TILL LATER IN THE YEAR OR 2) RECOMMENDING THAT WE DECIDE NOW, IN PRINCIPLE, TO PROVIDE THE LAO WITH PL-480 ASSISTANCE LATER THIS YEAR IF, AFTER A TECHNICAL REVIEW, WE DECIDE THEY STILL NEED IT. EA/VLC'S RECOMMENDATION IS THE LATTER. IO HAS PROBLEMS WITH RAISING THE ISSUE AT ALL AT THIS TIME.

3. VIETNAM

VIETNAM EMBARGO SUBSIDIARY TRADE APPLICATION DENIAL (LOU):

TREASURY, ON STATE'S RECOMMENDATION, HAS DENIED AN APPLICATION FROM A U.S. FIRM FOR A LICENSE TO AUTHORIZE ITS BELGIAN SUBSIDIARY TO SELL ROLLING GEAR TO THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT. THE ROLLING GEAR, VALUED AT OVER 9 MILLION DOLLARS, WOULD HAVE BEEN USED IN RAILWAY CARS BEING CONFIDENTIAL

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FURNISHED TO VIETNAM AS PART OF A BELGIAN AID PROGRAM. THIS REPRESENTS THE LARGEST FORMAL APPLICATION WE HAVE DENIED SO FAR UNDER OUR TRADE EMBARGO POLICY.

HUMPHREY-HUNG TRIAL (UNC)

IT NOW APPEARS THAT TESTIMONY IN HUMPHREY-HUNG ESPIONAGE TRIAL WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK. GOVERNMENT WITNESSES COMPLETED THEIR INITIAL APPEARANCES MAY 8 REGARDING CHARGES CITED IN THE INDICTMENT, THUS ENDING THE PROSECUTION'S CASE-IN-CHIEF. MAIN WITNESSES WERE DUNG KRALL, KEN QUINN, BRIGADIER GENERAL FORSEMAN, FBI AGENTS AND USIA PERSONNEL. ALSO ON MAY 8, DEFENSE COUNSEL REQUESTED JUDGE BRYAN RETURN A DIRECTED VERDICT DISMISSING THE CHARGES AGAINST HUMPHREY AND HUNG BY VIRTUE OF INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE. JUDGE BRYAN DENIED DEFENSE MOTION AND RULED EVIDENCE WAS SUFFICIENT TO WARRANT A CONTINUATION OF TRIAL AND EVENTUAL JURY VERDICT.

COUNSEL FOR HUMPHREY BEGAN CALLING WITNESSES FOLLOWING BRYAN'S RULING ON MAY 8. INITIAL WITNESS WAS FORMER DOD EMPLOYEE NOW WORKING AS "CLASSIFICATION CONSULTANT" WHO

TESTIFIED THAT NONE OF THE EVIDENTIARY MATERIALS RELATED TO

NATIONAL DEFENSE AND THAT NONE WERE PROPERLY CLASSIFIED. WITNESS ADMITTED HUMPHREY WAS PAYING HIM \$2,500 FOR TESTIFYING AND THAT HE HAD NO EXPERTISE IN SUBSTANCE OF DOCUMENTS INVOLVED.

HUMPHREY TOOK THE STAND MAY 9 TO TESTIFY HE HAD INDEED PASSED DOCUMENTS TO HUNG BUT HAD NEVER SUSPECTED LATTER HAD RELATIONSHIP WITH SRV, AND THAT HE THOUGHT HUNG WAS USING CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS IN LOBBYING EFFORTS ON CAPITOL HILL TO HELP NORMALIZATION. NORMALIZATION WAS ALSO HUMPHREY'S GOAL BECAUSE IT WOULD EXPEDITE DEPARTURE OF COMMON-LAW WIFE FROM VIETNAM. HUMPHREY WENT TO GREAT LENGTHS TO CONFIDENTIAL

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DESCRIBE THE FACT THAT HE CONSIDERED CONTENT OF DOCUMENTS TO BE EFFECTIVELY IN PUBLIC DOMAIN. ALTHOUGH HUMPHREY THROUGHOUT MAINTAINED BENIGN INTEREST, HE ADMITTED POOR JUDGEMENT AS WELL AS "DISGRACE TO HIMSELF AND TO HIS FAMILY".

CROSS-EXAMINATION OF HUMPHREY BEGAN THIS AFTERNOON. VANCE

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